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Many Grown Women Who Are Clever Enough to Make Living for Themselves Think Two Times Two Make Five

DAY before yesterday I met two friends of mine heading, with an air of seriousness, as though on some deep and portentous mission, for 13th and Locust streets.

"Where are you off to?" I queried, baiting them in their tracks. "To the Public Library," they replied. "We are in deep distress; also we have taken a resolution, which, though it causes us insomnia and indigestion, we are going to put through. We are going to learn the multiplication table and we're looking for a book that will tell us how."

Then the belated seekers after mathematical knowledge explained how by their ignorance of long and short division and their tables they were actually losing money. "Yesterday," said one, "there was a sale at our favorite soap at a nearby drug store. It was being offered for 8 cents a cake. We thought we'd take about nine cakes. I went five and Lou four. 'That'll be 96 cents,' I said to the clerk, like a roose.

"I thought he smiled peculiarly, but I didn't know at what and so we paid him the 96 cents, having a fearful time trying to figure how much we each owed proportionately. Finally in despair I paid the whole thing, and we went home to wait for Tom to come home and figure out how much Lou owed me. Fancy our chagrin when, after a moment's contemplation of our problem, he raged us with: 'You little fools, you really paid for twelve bars of soap.' 'How do people know offhand that 8 times 8 are 72 and not 96?' Lou queried pathetically.

"Go back to school and study their multiplication tables," was what Tom told us. And that's what we're going to do. We're going to learn how much 12 times 7 and 6 times 16 is or die in the attempt."

With grim determination written on their faces they left me and I continued toward the bank for which I had started. Arriving there, the first sound that greeted my ears was the plaintive wail of a fashionably dressed and to all intents

and purposes an educated, intelligent woman. "Do I pay the paying teller or does he pay me? Oh, why do banks have such ambiguous terms as paying and receiving tellers, and why isn't there some one employed to balance one's check account? I can never make the thing tally."

Sometimes I am inclined to believe that woman's ignorance of things numerical is feigned; that she assumes an ignorance when she has it not, for much the same reason that she clings when the dominant male is around—not because she doesn't know how to stand upright on her own feet, but because she thinks he likes that sturdy oak feeling. Personally, however, I "couldn't" want a man to hold a gun at my chest and say, "Thirteen times seven are how much; an answer or your life."

If he said 12 times 7 I'd be safe, because I have a good memory, and at the school where I was taught we learned the multiplication tables up to twelve. Hour after hour we spent string-angling them with a monotony that was as soporific as a bee's humming. But after long years of practice the things were indelibly imprinted in my mind.

Modern pedagogic methods, however, do not, I am told, include the multiplication tables. A mere memory feat is discontinued in a system which encourages flash spelling and other seemingly tricky ways of learning; tricky, that is, to the mind not ultra modern. If we victims of a past and now inglorious educational system cannot protect ourselves from being cheated and from being made laughing stocks in banks, how about our younger sisters, to whom the multiplication table is as archaic as the dodo?

Will they develop a brain cell that shall do nothing else but perform feats of additions, subtractions, multiplications and divisions enough to keep a little brain cell busy day and night—or shall we find them, at some future date, rushing off like my unfortunate friends to the public library, bent on supplementing their primary education with a stiff course in the multiplication tables? M'LISS.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



ATTRACTIVE YET INEXPENSIVE

SPORTS clothes of every description are very much to the fore, with stripes of various widths conspicuous among them. This one, the popular Russian blouse model, features the favored combination of striped and plain effects, both of mercerized pongee. The stripes, in way of a change, show the broad stripes combined with groups of pin stripes alternating. The blouse, which has a sailor collar finished with a fiddle tie, closes at the left side, fastening with pearl buttons. It comes in sand color, with rose, navy or open stripes, at \$5.98.

Sulphur basket straw is featured in this attractive sports hat, which has a flange of white hemp and is trimmed with a white raffie band embroidered in colors harmonizing with the brightly colored wool zephyr tennis racquets and ball, which introduce a novel touch. It may be ordered in other colors as well for \$5.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 403 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

GOOD FORM

Good form queries should be addressed to Deborah Rush, writes on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request. This column will appear in Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger.

If you have invited her to the breakfast and then thank you in person. Most cordially yours, K. L. M.

Dear Deborah Rush—Will you kindly tell me whether it is proper to sign one's name on a hotel register as "Mary B. Smith" or as "Mary B. Smith, I have always done it that way." M. O. W.

The proper signature for a hotel register should have the prefix Mr., Miss or Mrs., as the case may be. It is when signing one's name to a letter that the Christian name without a prefix should be used.

Letter of Condolence Dear Deborah Rush—Some time ago I noticed in your paper a short but very sympathetic letter to a bereaved family. I am a widow and I have a young girl with whom I have been associating quite closely for almost a year. Will you kindly let me know how I should write a letter of condolence to a family in such a case? W. H. H.

I have written you a letter including a condolence letter which might be appropriate in this case.

Acknowledgment of Presents Dear Deborah Rush—Will you kindly publish an acknowledgment for wedding presents and when is the proper time to acknowledge them? When is the proper time to acknowledge them? A letter should be written by the bride-to-be as soon after the receipt of the present as possible. Of course, as the time for the wedding draws near so many presents are apt to come at once it is not always possible to acknowledge them right away. In this case careful account of those which have not yet been acknowledged should be taken and letters written either on your wedding trip or as soon as possible after your return. The matter of acknowledging these presents is very important, and every gift should be carefully noted.

The letter need not be long or gushing, just a note, but with a sincere line of appreciation in it.

Mr. William requests the pleasure of Miss Mary's Smith's company at a small dinner dance on Tuesday, July the twenty-fifth, at 8 o'clock. July the fifteenth. Three musicians should be sufficient for a house affair. DEBORAH RUSH.

For Solid Comfort Can you imagine a more comfortable place to read your favorite author than a roomy wicker chaise longue on a cool porch? You can get a more recent variation of turf, fitted with shade trees, under the eaves of the porch, like a davenport. A mattress, fat pillow of cotton or chintz and a mattress of the same complete the outfit.

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MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

Author of "Washerwoman's Song" The one and the same mail the Corner is in who brought notes in reply to a question which I had asked. Will the member who sent the article in which you are interested please accept these in lieu of direct communication from me?

The Washerwoman's Song, a really beautiful poem, was written by Eugene F. Ware, of the Kansas, one of the best of our poets and poets too, but this was his last work. The second note is from a constituent of the gentler sex: "What's the matter with our Helping Hand Corner? And to think that for it Eugene Ware evidently has lived in vain!" "C. H."

The Corner can only plead that even editors are not omniscient, and that it has known instances of yet ranker ignorance on the part of presumably well educated people—for instance, college-bred men, who did not recall at once who wrote "The Bridge of Sighs." "The Death of the Flower" and "How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix." There are readers of approved intelligence who could not tell what the "good news" was and who brought it forward to judge, for we are sinners all," in this matter of memory, and the author of "The Washerwoman's Song" has not lived and written in vain when he has two such faithful admirers and champions.

Weaving as Grandmother Did Will you please, through the Corner, give me some hints how to weave with two sets of harness? I have woven rag rugs, but should like to just how to weave something like the blue and white coverlets of long ago. I should like to have some hints from you with regard to weaving. I am 64 years old and should enjoy much of learning to weave as our grandmothers used to do. M. E. M.

I am holding your address upon the chance that you may receive light upon the matter of being a church member, from readers and correspondents. The art of weaving is now confined, I fancy, to professional manufacturers. Have "dear old ladies" preserved the knack of hand weaving along with other kinds of fancy work to be done at home? The blue and white counterpane were woven in the old-fashioned looms of a century ago.

Has Lentil Recipes Will you kindly send me the address of I. H. who desires china berries? Can provide her with plenty. Also with German Celery for cooking. "H. H."

The J. M. of our esteemed I. H. sent to you 2 mail. I insert your letter that I may ask why you do not let the Corner share with her the benefit of the recipe for the attractive novelty. Let us know how to prepare lentils for the table. They make excellent soup, as we all know. In what other form are they palatable?

Asked for a German Bible Ma L. I. asked for a German Bible or Testament. She can receive one willingly if she will let me know in your Corner if she desires one.

It is kind and Christianly in you to interest yourself actively in our member's plea for a Bible written in her own tongue. You give the address of a church in your own city. I have no doubt that churches elsewhere will be as willing to give "the word" to the honest seeker.

Giving a Lawn Party The chair of the church to which I belong is expecting to give a lawn party. I have been appointed one of a committee of three to arrange for the entertainment. I do not know much about things of this sort and hope some of the readers of your column will offer suggestions. I notice many requests for lawn parties. I notice many requests for lawn parties. I notice many requests for lawn parties.

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there and games of divers sorts provided for the livelier members of the party. At one party a prize was offered for the one who found and gathered the greatest number of four-leaf clovers; another for any two leaves or wild flowers brought in to the judges which should be found to be exactly alike. This "fun" was in the spacious grounds of a country house. The main thing is to get the revelers out of doors and to entertain them there as they could not be amused within doors. The refreshments are all cold, of course. The sandwich family comes into lively play; salads may be served already dressed; cakes and cream and fruits, iced tea and coffee and sherbet are the conventional refreshments. You have lively wit of your own. Set them to work in devising decorations and amusements suitable for sojourn life. Our juniors may offer novel notions, of which we have not thought.

Wants Home for Baby Will you please help me to find a home for my baby boy? I have had him boarding out since he was two weeks old. I could not find a good home for him when he was a little baby, but I could not bear to part with him then. I thought I was brave enough to earn my living and to care for my own child. He is such a loving baby that I am unable to get him a good home. My people will not let me take him home, and I should not like to put my child in a home where he has been known to be abused. The mother's address is in our books.

Answers Two Requests The Corner to me has meant a great deal. I include an answer to two requests I noticed the other day. Butterflied Pop—Cook one tablespoon of cornmeal thoroughly in just enough water to prevent burning. Then carefully add enough water to make it the right consistency of cream. Remove from the fire as soon as it boils after the butterflied has been added.

FATE. Two shall be born the whole wide world apart. And speak in different tongues, and have no common tongue. Each of the other's being, and no need; And these of'er unknown seas, to unknown lands shall roam, excepting with the wind. And all unconsciously shall every act And lead each wandering, but in this one end— That one day out of darkness they shall meet And find life's meaning in the smile of heaven. I trust these answers correctly the requests of the many helpful things found in your Corner. L. H. C.

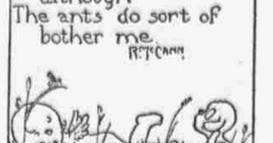
Again we infringe upon Corner customs by inserting the whole of the much talked of poem. Our correspondent has exceeded herself in generous response to requests which have been urged once and again. We are deeply in her debt.

A Lady at Court I know a thing that's most uncommon; (Envy, be silent, and attend.) I know a reasonable woman, Handsome and witty, yet a friend. Not warped by passion, averted by rumor; Nor grave through pride, nor gay through folly; And equal mixture of good humor And sensible, soft, melancholy.

"Has she no faults, then (Envy says) Sir?" Yes, she has one, I must aver; When all the world conspires to praise her, The woman's deaf, and does not hear. —Alexander Pope.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I love the summer time so much— Outdoors is where I like to be. Reclining on the grass although The ants do sort of bother me.



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INFANTILE PARALYSIS A DISEASE, CURABLE AND PREVENTABLE

By WILLIAM EVANS, M. D.

INFANTILE paralysis is preventable. It is curable. The shrinking of the muscles of the legs can be prevented. And over against these facts we have the following: The disease is epidemic in some parts of the country. In these sections the number of cases is increasing. In addition to recognized and reported cases there are a large number of unreported unrecognized cases. Sporadic cases are being reported in various parts of the country. It is affecting grown people as well as children. The country is in a state of acute alarm.

In the last 15 years there have been many epidemics in various parts of the United States. In the sections where these epidemics have occurred there are thousands of persons with withered limbs. Why is it that these two groups of contradictory statements are true? It must be because some known means of prevention, cure and rehabilitation are not being made use of. Perhaps in this season of alarm it may be possible to change our customary methods of meeting this disease. Infantile paralysis has been known for 75 years. Although we have known there was such a disease, and although physicians were able to diagnose it, virtually all of the information on which prevention is based has been gathered in the last ten years.

The virus of the disease is a small body almost too small to see under the most powerful microscopes. It will pass through the finest filters in use. It has been grown on culture media, watched and observed. With the culture thus artificially grown the disease has been produced in monkeys. Cultures made from these monkeys when grown and injected into a second set of monkeys have caused the disease to develop in them.

The virus is very resistant to heat, cold and drying. Freezing does not kill it. It can be dried and when again moistened becomes virulent again. It lives very well outside the bodies of human beings. In the human being the virus is found in the secretions of the nose and mouth. Perhaps they are also found in the intestinal contents as well.

The infection gets into the human body through the nose and mouth. It locates in these cavities and may not travel further. Such persons are carriers. While not sick, they are capable of spreading the disease to others.

In persons who become sick from the infection the virus passes from the nose to the spinal cord. When it reaches the cord it involves the membranes and especially the nerve cells in the front part of the spinal cord. This particular area of the cord, called the anterior horn, contains the nerve cells which govern motion throughout the body.

The virus is not at all the front part of the spinal cord or anterior horn is involved, but only so much of it as controls motion of the legs. The most frequent findings in two or three inches of the anterior horn located in about the middle of the cord. In some cases the inflammatory process involves the spinal length of the spinal cord as well as the brain.

In 37 there was a two-day fever, then a few days of health, then a return of the fever and an onset of headache and general pains; 31 had diarrhea, 28 had headache and 17 of them had vomiting. In 54 had pains in the legs. The neck was stiff in a majority of the cases. Doctor Russell said the following symptoms should make one suspicious of infantile paralysis in a time of epidemic: "Intestinal disturbance of almost any nature without definite cause, associated with vague pains in the neck, just the human and nature of it should advise you to change your friends rather than your habits."

The above symptoms in ordinary times do not mean much. The probability is that they would be treated by the parent, who would give a purgative and put the patient to bed. The probability is that no doctor would be called in. Many of the cases never go any further than this. Such cases get well after a few days and no paralysis follows. It is right hard to convince the parents that these mild cases were genuine cases of infantile paralysis, yet experience shows that it is from just such mild cases that much of the disease is spread.

If the case gets a little worse the chance is that the family doctor will be called. The probability is that the family doctor has gotten his mental picture of infantile paralysis from some severe cases, and, in consequence, he tells the family there is nothing to worry about, the sickness is a minor ail and will pass off in a day or two.

On this point Doctor Russell says: "Most of the cases occurring during the Buffalo epidemic in 1912 were not seen for several days by either Doctor Sharp or myself, as the attending physician did not call for diagnostic aid from the health department." The cases that were seen after a few visits from the attending physician without being diagnosed as infantile paralysis are very apt to spread the disease.

One attack of the disease confers immunity. Those who have had the disease in its very mild form are protected against it. That is the reason in times of epidemic one child in a family will have it severely while the brothers or sisters will appear to escape it. The reason is that the brothers and sisters have or have had a very mild attack, which the family obtained as a cold, or a spell of indigestion, or maybe malaria.

No serum or antitoxin for this disease has been discovered. The only method of treatment is to give hexamethylenamine. Theoretically this drug should be of no service, but some scientists have found formaldehyde in the spinal fluid of patients taking it, and its use will probably continue, on the theory that it will do no harm and it may do some good.

The statements made at the beginning were that the disease was curable and preventable, and that the after-paralysis could be avoided. The proof that it is curable is that 95 per cent of the cases get well. Nature takes care of the need fairly well. Methods of preventing the disease and of avoiding the after-shrinkage of the muscles will be discussed in articles which will follow.

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